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## Letter dated 23 May 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a note verbale dated 7 May 2001, with an attachment, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., to the Embassy of Pakistan, to be forwarded to the United States Department of State, on the violation of the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the United States aircraft based in the Persian Gulf region (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad Hasan **Fadaifard**
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## Annex to the letter dated 23 May 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan, and has the honour to refer to the attached message, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text message be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

## Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 7 February 2001 at 1320 hours two United States aircraft (F-14) at the position of 28°15'N, 49°56'E chased and warned an Iranian P3F aircraft belonging to the Iranian air force.

It should be noted that the Iranian aircraft was flying over the Islamic Republic of Iran's airspace, and the United States aircraft violated the territorial airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran by chasing the Iranian aircraft.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran protests these illegal activities (entering into the Islamic Republic of Iran territorial airspace without proper authorization) by the United States Government and calls for an end to such actions.